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FOLLOWING REPEAT MANILA 07612 ACTION STATE JUNE 26, 1974

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 7612

FOR EA, WLG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR

SUBJECT: EAST ASIA LIAISON GROUP (EALG)

REF: CINCPAC DTG 242320Z JUN 74

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT IN MARCH 1965 WHEN POSITIONS IN EMBASSY WERE ELIMINATED EALG CEASED TO FUNCTION AS INTENDED. SINCE THAT TIME, EALG HAS FUNCTIONED PRIMARILY AS MAILBOX OPERATION THROUGH WHICH E&E PLANS FROM POSTS IN AREA HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO WLG. TRAVEL AND REVIEW ASSISTANCE TO POSTS IN AREA WAS UNDERTAKEN BY REPRESENTATIVE CINCPACREPHIL SUBIC WHO WAS ASSIGNED EALG RESPONSIBILITIES.

2. SINCE 1965 EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY REQUESTED DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER FUNCTION TO WLG. MOST RECENT ACTION HAS BEEN STRONG RECOMMENDATION FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS THAT MANILA EALG RESPONSIBILITIES BE ELIMINATED AND FUNCTION ASSUMED BY WLG. ACTION ON THIS RECOMMENDATION
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IS STILL PENDING DEPARTMENT

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INFORM CINCPAC THAT AS OF THIS
DATE EMBASSY MANILA DOES NOT INTEND TAKE ANY FURTHER
ACTION ON EALG MATTERS, AND THAT REFERRAL SHOULD BE
MADE WASHINGTON WLG. UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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